THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The comments of various State Government/UTs have been sought in the matter and no time frame can be indicated at this stage regarding introduction of the Bill.

National Child Labour Project Scheme in A.P.

2668. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed some more districts in the State to be covered under the National Child Labour Project Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of proposals which have been given clearance alongwith the proposal which are under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in all 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh State.

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

Difference in the wages to men and women

†2669. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been revealed from the survey of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) conducted between January, 2004 to June, 2004 that difference and inequality are still existing between men and women with regard to wages;

(b) whether it is a fact that in rural India a male labourer earn an average of Rs. 56.53 as daily wages whereas a female labourer earns an average of Rs. 36.15 only as daily wages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by Government to bridge this gap?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.